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YEAR, 1679.

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According to the most Approv'd-of *Rules* of that Sublime Study, What *Revolutions*, or *Accidents*, are likely to happen in many Parts of the *World*; especially, in

England, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*.

Multi multa sciunt, sed nemo omnia.

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Queris a me quantum Operantur Astra? saith an eminent Artist) *Dico, in nos nihil astra urgere, sed animos præclives trahere, &c.*——Desirest thou to Know of me, How far the Stars have an Operation upon Us? I tell thee they do not compel, but incline; and that so gently, that if we apply our selves to be governed by our Reason, they have no power over us; but if we resign our selves to the Conduct of our Corrupt Natures, they work as much in us as in *Bruits*; and then we are indeed no better than they.

Which is an *Axiom*, every Knowing & Ingenious Artist must of necessity own; Although I know there are some Sir *Positives* in *Astrology* as well as in *Play-Houses*, who, (with great Impudence & greater fraud) pretend they have the Stars in a String: Can by them discover and Cure *Witch-Craft*, &c. Whereas indeed those glorious bodies are not to be Subjected to any such base purposes: for the influences of the Stars are purely natural, and directed by Natural Beams, or Aspects Geometrical;

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metrical; and do only gently incline, but force or Compel None; and therefore can neither cause nor Cure *Witch-Craft*: This being premis'd, we hope we may without imposing on any mans Credulity, give our modest observations, on their this years influence, and leave Heav'n and time to produce their Effects. The Remarkable influence which ushers in this year, much resembles that which happened in the later end of *July* last, viz, *&c.* A Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*, in the Terms of *Saturn*, and Decanate of the *Sun* — whence according to *Astrologers*, its effects willbe Famous, Malicious, Crafty and Treacherous: But by *Sol* and *Jupiters* falling presently after the Vernal Ingress, into Conjunction, we may expect to hear that the Grandees of Church, and State, are Vigorously Active for the Good of Both. That a time is Coming, and we hope not far distant, wherein both Kings, Princes and Magistrates shall be voluntarily and unanimously honor'd, obey'd and loved; and the Reverend Clergy be had in their Primitive Veneration and Respect, which our wiser Fore-Fathers knew it Deserv'd. In the interim, by *Saturn* Continuance in *Gemini*, and *Retrograde* there, we cannot but expect much unnecessary Censuring, Murmuring and Discontent; some discontented heads over fond of their little Sense, will take upon them more than becomes them, and to be thought wiser than their Superiours, will be whispering to each other as *Politick Secrets*, those things which indeed they nothing understand. Yet ere the first Month expire, some of them may chance to be over-heard, and found to Weep, with the Weather ——— The Conjunction of *Mars*, and *Mercury*, from *M. Cæli* and fourth Angle, lets loose among us a raging Spirit of Lying, detracting, and Libelling; Which like the Arrows Shot by the irritated *Indian* at *Jupiter*, will revert on their own heads. *Mercury* in Med. *Cæli* pushes Magistrates on to the making, and executing good Laws, for the prevention of disorders.

But yet from the Malevolent Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* (if we will believe *Haly*, or *Johannes Angelus*,) we have great reason to fear, that not only Single persons, but whole Societies, and the Generality of Men, by over-indulging them-

themselves; by Contemning and despising their Adversaries; By their too great confidence in their own designs and Contrivances; and lastly, by an unwarrantable Security, and great forgetfullness of following the Presidents, Actions and Councells of Antiquity, will bring on themselves those Miseries and Calamities, which nothing but their early Circumspection, and their earnestly imploring the Assistance of Almighty providence, can be able to prevent! O the Frauds, Adulation, Craft, Cunning-Circumvention, Over-reaching, Under-mining and Treachery, which this Conjunction is Naturally prone to promote! It naturally influences the disclosure of Secrets amongst the neareſt Relations; Councel of most private concern will be apt to be laid open: and that Friendship which before was thought inseparable, may perhaps now suffer a Dissolution: unless such men as are signified by this Conjunction have their several Nativities happily qualified by *Jupiter*, and *Mercury*, &c. Whereby the Operation will be much more Moderate.

May the Effects of this Conjunction be to our Enemies; but to England, *Jupiter* in *Aries* brings the happy tidings of Peace and Victory, and great hopes that many of our well-deserved Souldiers, and Courtiers, will be worthily rewarded with preferment. —— ——

By the Conjunction of *Mars* and *Venus*, which happens about the middle of *March*, we may Expect, if there be any Great *Lady, Princess*, &c. in Urope, who hath *Aries* for her *Horoscope:* that she may be about that time render'd very Happy, Honourable and Illustrious; and that she is very likely shortly to bless the world with a Prosperous Male-Issue that shall Spring from her Loyns, who in time may render that Nation happy, and its Scepter secure, in which she now dwells; Mauger all its Enemies hopes to the Contrary.

In *June*, *Gemini* is great Dignities of *Mercury*; And a signe of Eminent Regency in this Age: From whence, by the Rules of *Astrology*, we may expect great Assemblies, Conventions and Synods, to Congregate towards the *Western* part

part of the World about this time, to Debate of Weighty Affairs, both Humane and Divine. *Saturn in Horoscopo* will also occasion Blustring Weather, and consequently some Shipwracks towards the *North-East* parts of our Kingdom.

September is likely to prove a Vigorous and Active Month in several respects; many Contentions are likely to happen about this aiery subtle Mistress called *HONOUR*, of which many men will, about this time, prove so strangely enamoured, that they will voluntarily expose their Lives and Fortunes to the usual Dangers which generally attend on Commendable Actions, rather than part with her Company.

To conclude, although the Inauspecious Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*, seems to threaten a deprevation on the Moral Vertues, which will run some hazard of being wart'd against by Subtlety, Hypocrisy, Treachery, &c.—— which will be chiefly caused by the envious and malifick nature of of *Saturn*. Yet if we Credit the knowing *Bonatus*, fol. 567. we have this for our Comfort, That *Jupiter* in the Eleventh, gives them much comfort and assistance from Friends: Influences Joy, Pleasure, Prosperity, Peace and Delight. Also it enclines men to a reciprocal, or mutual administration of Civilities; makes them careful of each others Reputations; faithful in their Trusts; by which means men compass a Halcyon Serenity, or contentedness of Mind, and happily come to enjoy the utmost of their temporal wishes.—— To whose Judgement *Haly* also accords, Fol. 371. *Si Jupiter fuerit in undecima, &c.* When *Jupiter* is posited in the eleventh Angle of a Revolution, Men shall have Good Fortune multiply'd unto them, and live freely and prosperously, enjoying Peace and Plenty, &c. nay (sayes he) although they despair'd of those Blessings, yet during that Revolution they shall be made happy with them, and shall obtain such things as they can reasonably hope for, or expect. And to render our condition more happy, the Thoughts and Actions of Kings, Princes, and Magistrates; will wholly tend towards the preservation, and of the Rights and Priviledges of the People. And very probable it is, that from this Auspicious position of of benign *Jupiter*, some Honourable Acts, or Act of Grace, may

may be expected from our Illustrious *Cæsar*, and his grave *Senators*, which shall effectually quiet the discomposed minds, and quell the Disorders which are now too rife among us. *Quicquid ligat Saturnus solvit Jupiter:* And this we have the greater Hopes of, by comparing that of Learned *Hermes*, with the Judicious *Haly*, who sayes; *Si* Luna *fuerit in secunda Domo* (as here) *significat quod populos habebit ille anno bonum & utilitatem:* If the *Moon* be Posited in the Second House, the People may that Year expect to Enjoy all the Benefits of *Peace* and *Plenty*. And the being seated in her Proper Mansion, and in a *Trine Aspect* of *Mercury* on the Eleventh, and *Jupiter* disposing of them, we have great Hopes, that his Noble Influences will pervert the Malignity of *Saturn*, and turn his Venom into an Antidote; at least, as long as this Revolution shall remain.

In fine, Let the Friendly Influences of Indulgent *Jupiter* attend our Land, and then its Inhabitants can hardly be Unhappy: He is a great Lover of Peace; and there are scarcely any, but are Convinc'd, That nothing can Hurt us, but our Divisions.

The Stars look like so many Glorious Eyes, with Benevolent Aspects on us: There is hardly a Frown (unless in that leering Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*) to be found in *Heaven*'s smiling Superficies, which we may properly appropriate to *England*. So that, if we be not our own Enemies, by industriously groping for feigned Fears and Jealousies, where there are really none to be found: If we would not (by private Surmises, and seditious Whisperings) anticipate Misfortunes, and with Melancholly Contemplations, render our selves Fictiously Miserable, before we are so, (or *Heaven* intends we shall be so indeed.) I say then, I doubt not, but we might Enjoy

joy all the Bleſſings of Providence in a large Proportion: And whil'ſt our Neighbours and Enemies are ſharing among themſelves, the Calamitous Retinue of a Bloody War; we might ſit not only Happily, but Secure our Own at Home; quietly Pruning our own Vines, and peaceably partaking of all thoſe other Incomparable Bleſſings, which may be reaſonably expected under a Gracious KING, and Happy Government.

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